Export by heavy industries

2208. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the value of exports made by the heavy industries during the year 2004-2005; and

(b) the break-up of the value of exports of different products during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) The estimated value of exports (Physical and Deemed) made by PSEs under this Department during the year 2004-05 is about Rs. 2500 crore. Major exporting PSEs are Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. and HMT (International) Ltd. About 95% of the total exports are contributed by BHEL who are mainly exporting power generation/transmission equipment and other associated items.

Employees under VRS

2209. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRY AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees who have taken VRS/VSS from Central Public Sector Undertakings so far;

(b) whether any rehabilitation schemes have been launched to provide source of sustenance to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and

(d) the number of beneficiaries under such schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) As per available data as on 31.3.2004 approximately 5.33 lakh employees of various Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) have availed of Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS)/Voluntary Separation Scheme (VSS) since inception of the Scheme in the year 1988.